

Cyclotrons for Decay-At-Rest Neutrino Production

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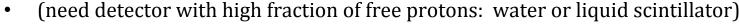
Topics

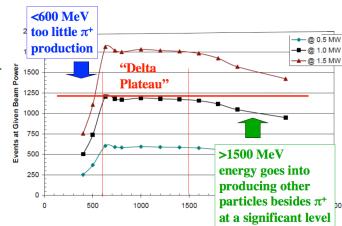
- Decay-At-Rest neutrino experiments
- Accelerator concepts: H₂⁺
- Requirements and challenges
- Progress, Plans and R&D needs

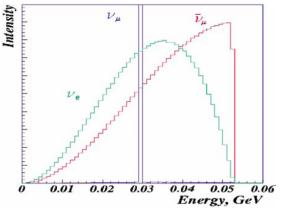
Decay-At-Rest Experiments: 1: Pions from 800 MeV Protons

- Energy comfortably above threshold
- Pions produced at low enough energy to stop before decaying
- $-\pi^-$ absorbed prior to decay
- Well-defined neutrino spectrum
- Mostly devoid of $\overline{\nu}_e$
 - \overline{v}_e in primary beam $\sim 10^{-4}$
- Sensitive to appearance of $\overline{\nu}_e$
 - ... oscillation from $\overline{\nu}_{\mu}$
- Detection: Inverse Beta Decay

$$\overline{\nu}_{e} + p \rightarrow e^{+} + n$$



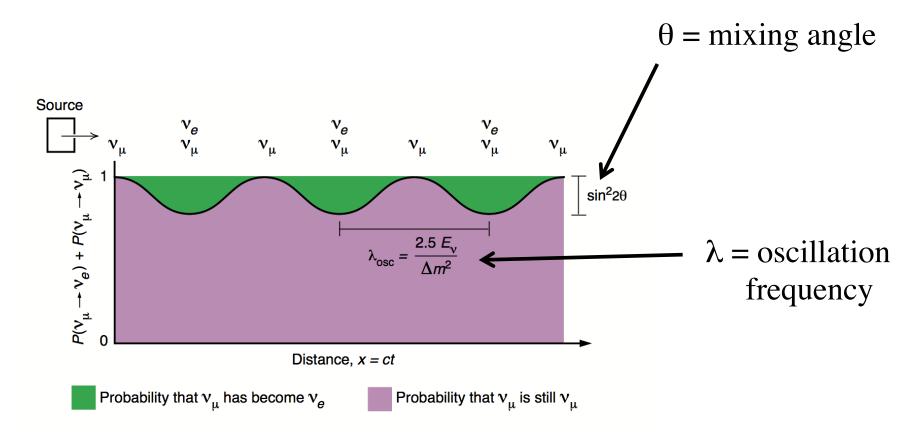






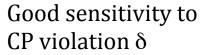
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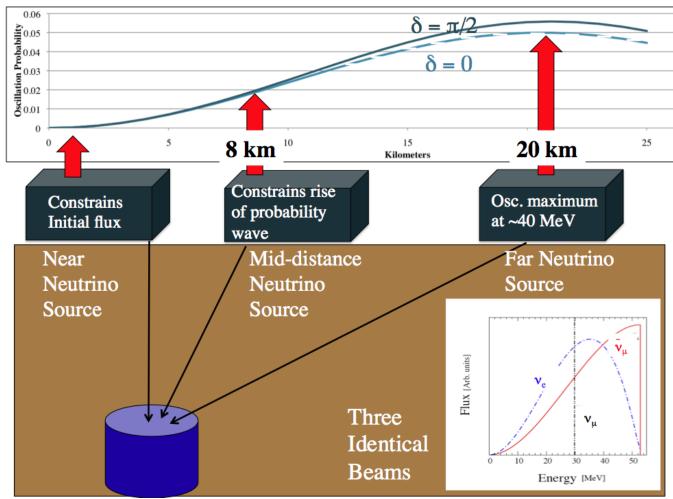
Oscillations of Neutrinos



NOTE: $\lambda/E \sim 1/\Delta m^2$

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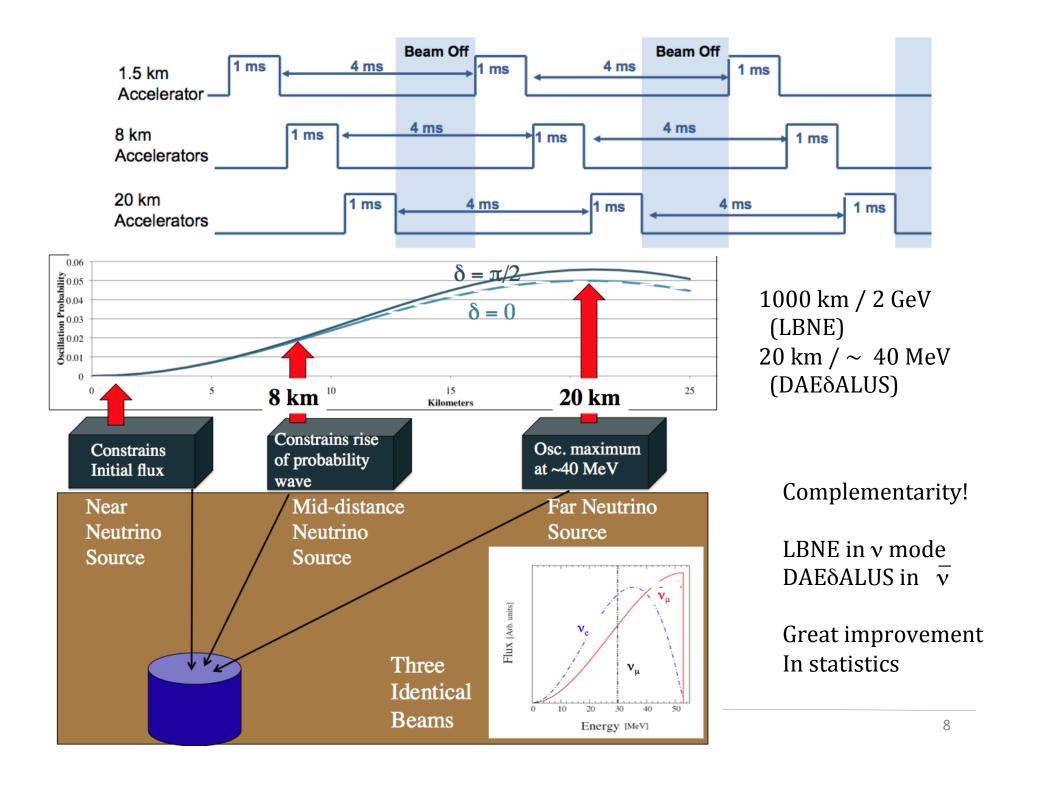
Neutrino Oscillation: $\lambda/E \approx 1/\Delta m^2$

1000 km / 2 GeV (LBNE) 20 km / \sim 40 MeV (DAE δ ALUS)

Complementarity!

LBNE in ν mode DAE δ ALUS in $\bar{\nu}$

Great improvement In statistics



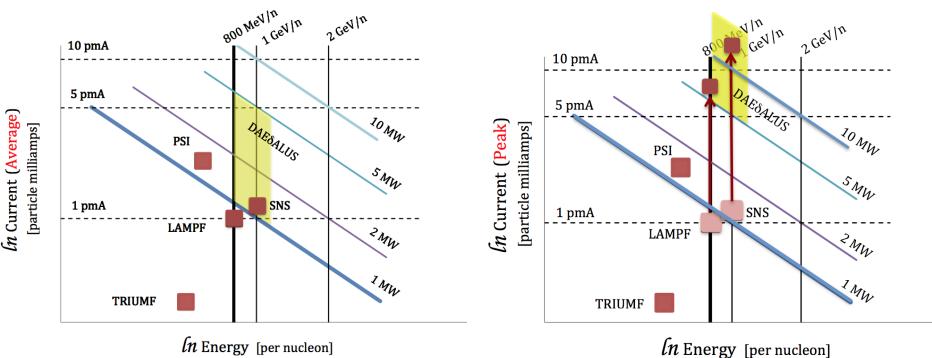
Accelerator Requirements

- Three "identical" sources
 - 800 MeV protons on target
 - Isotropic neutrino spectra requires greater flux at longer baselines
 - Not quite {r²}, due to increased signal strength
 - Proton power on target (average):
 - Near site 1 MW
 - Mid site 2 MW
 - Far site 5 MW
 - Based on matching data rates from LBNE, and statistics for a ~10 year experiment
 - − Peak current: ~10 mA
 - Size and costs must be kept as low as possible!



Implications of Timing Constraints

- Typical duty factor for each station: 20%
 - Only one machine operating at a time
 - Need time off for calibration, background



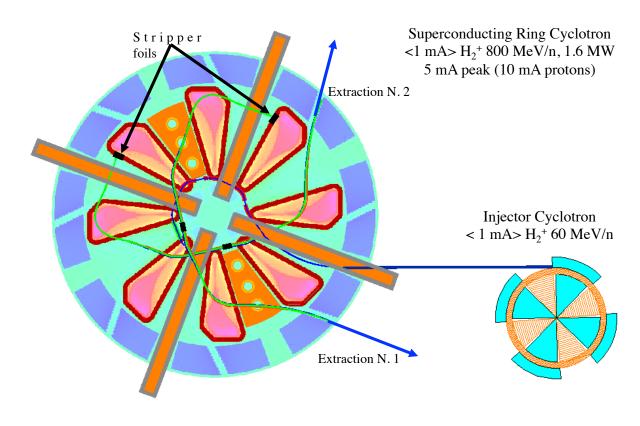
Concept: H₂⁺ Cyclotrons

Luciano Calabretta: INFN-Catania

arXiv: 1107:0652

H₂⁺ advantages:

- Lower space charge at injection
- Stripping extraction



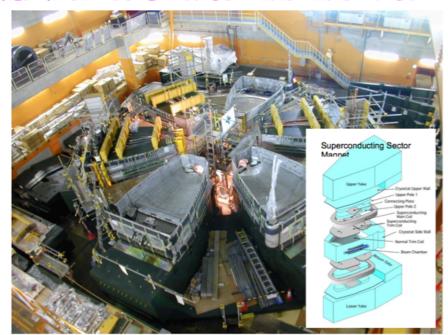


Status of SRC Concept



RIKEN SRC: Engineering Existence Proof!

RIKEN K2600 SUPERCONDUCTING RING CYCLOTRON

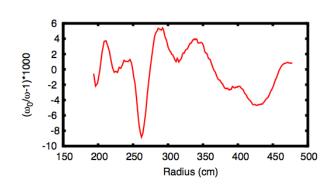


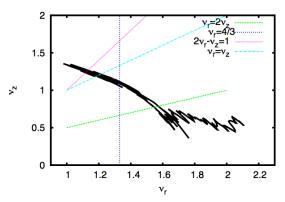
Completed November 2005 - the 140-ton cold mass cooled to 4.5K.

SRC Status

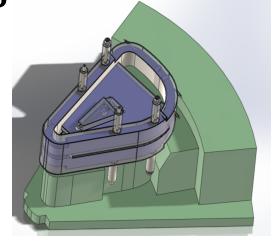
Beam Dynamics

Isochronicity (±0.4%)



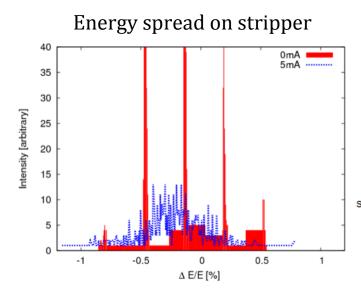


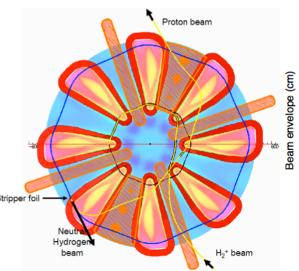
Tune diagram

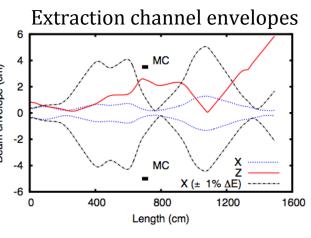


Engineering study of coil/cryostat assembly MIT (Minervini et al)
Nov 2012

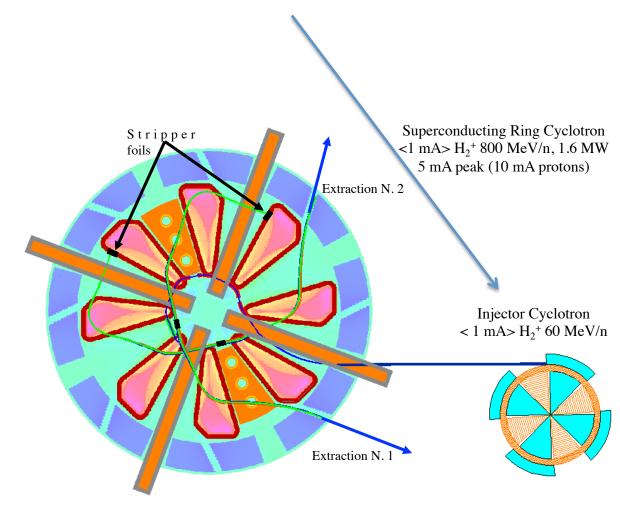
EXTRACTION







Project Staging: Build Injector First



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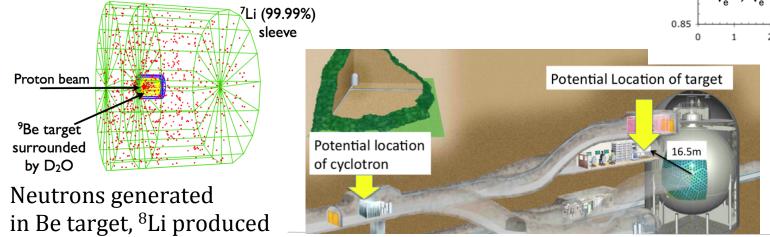
Injector Cyclotron: Basis for IsoDAR

Decay-At-Rest Experiments:

- 2. Beta decay of ⁸Li from 60 MeV protons
- \overline{v}_{e} oscillation experiment at very short baseline
- Sterile neutrino search

in very pure ⁷Li blanket

- $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$, $\lambda < 10 \text{ meters}$
 - Can see oscillations within detector!



G. Karagiorgi's talk yesterday

(3+1) Model with $\Delta m^2 = 1.0 \text{ eV}^2$ and $\sin^2 2\theta = 0.1$

L/E (m/MeV)

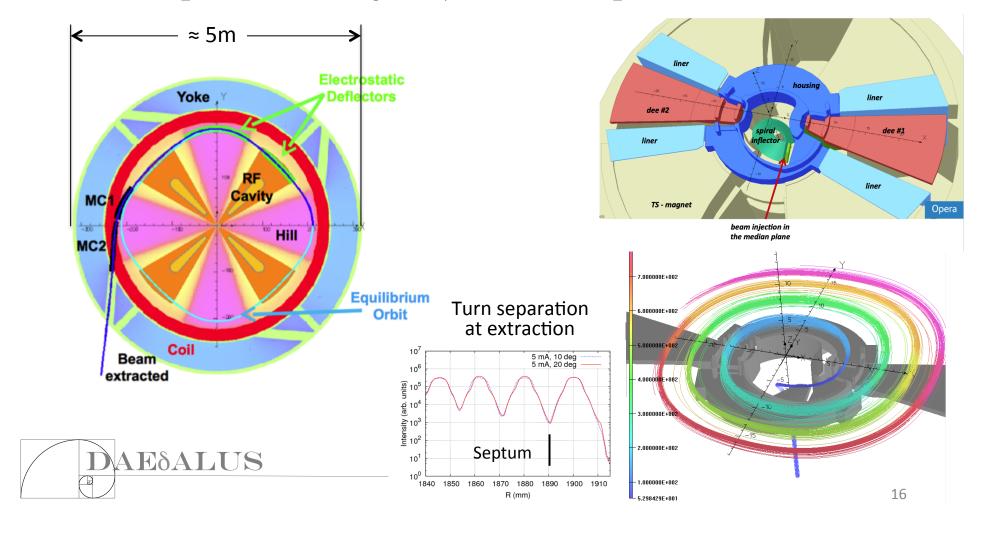
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Observed/Predicted

IsoDAR at KamLAND

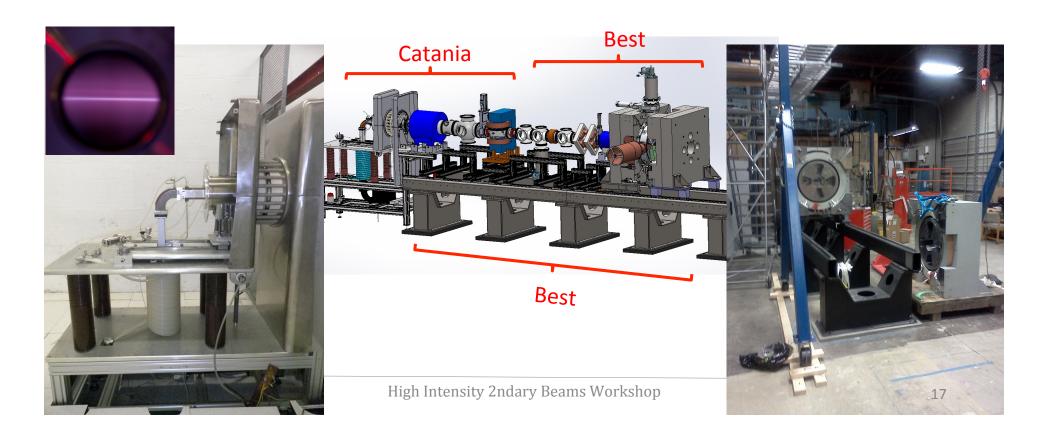
Injector Cyclotron Configuration

Compact, axially-injected, septum extracted



Challenges

- Space charge at axial injection
 - Being addressed this summer at Best Cyclotron Systems, Vancouver BC

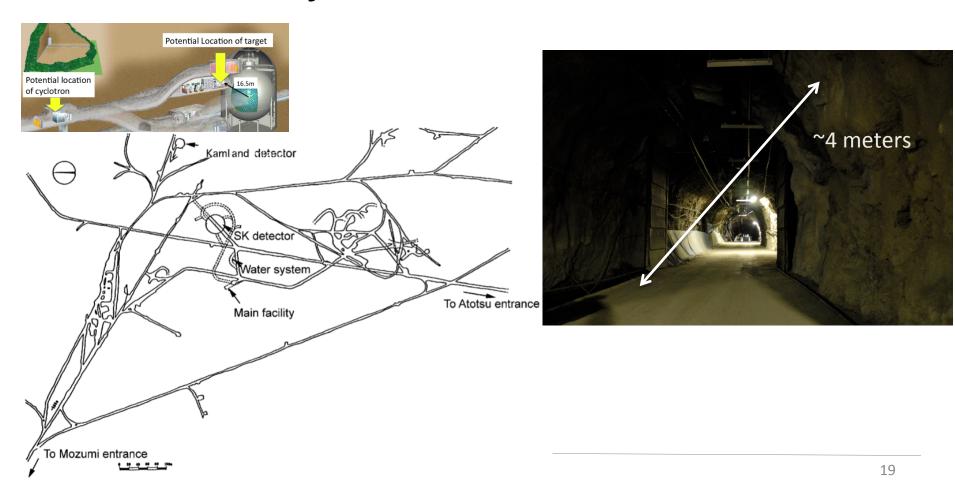


Roadmap for Central Region Tests

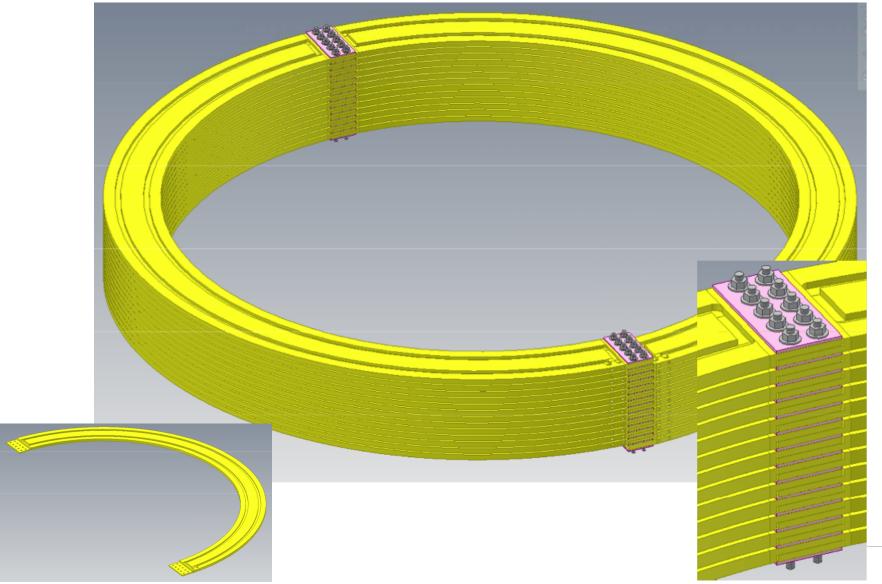
- Summer 2013:
 - Inflection tests will provide first experimental work with H₂⁺
 - H₂⁺ ion transport/purification
 - Buncher performance
 - Capture efficiency
- 2014 ff:
 - Prototype 28 MeV (4 MeV/amu) Catania test stand
 - Build on experience from Vancouver
 - Refined central region design
 - Benchmarking of OPAL space charge simulations for injection and low-energy acceleration
 - Cyclotron directly usable as isotope producer with alpha beams
 - IsoDAR design should follow directly

Assembly of Cyclotron at KamLAND

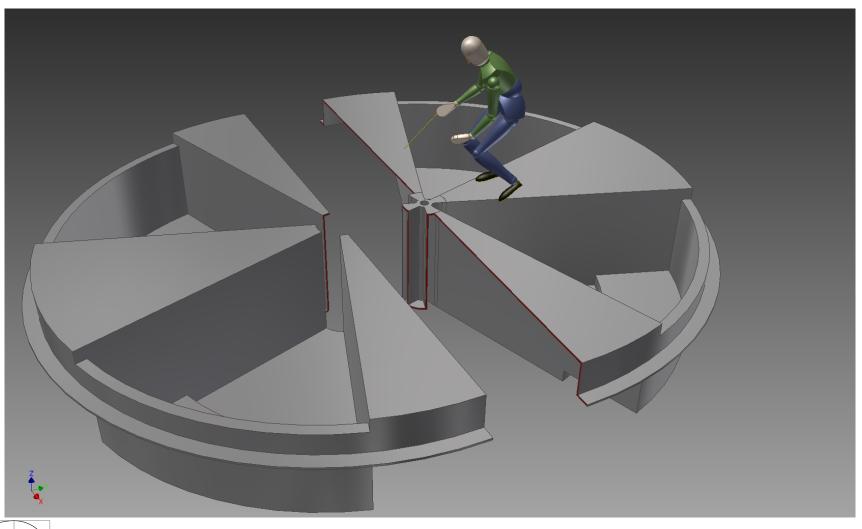
 Access does not allow transport of fullyassembled cyclotron



Coil Assembly Option



Vacuum Liner Option



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DAEδALUS Challenges

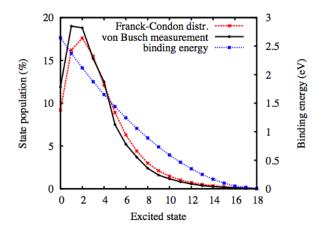
• H₂⁺ Ion source: quenching vibrational states

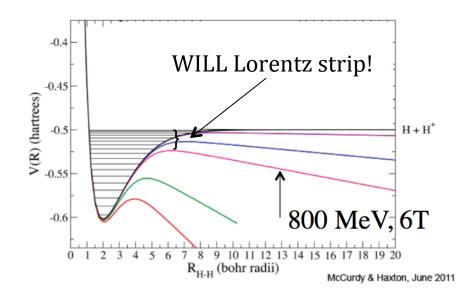


Excited during ionization by different proton spacing for H₂ and H₂⁺



Collaborating with ORNL Atomic Physics BUT: Test Stand, connected to Holifield is being shut down







Summary (1): Observations

- H₂⁺ cyclotrons can be effective neutrino sources
 - Compact, cost-effective, modular
 - Other applications: Isotopes, ADS
- Best available beam-dynamics simulations indicate no show-stoppers
- Engineering studies and field experiences are encouraging



Summary (2): Roadmap

- Axial Injection Line and Central Region development
 - Tests in Vancouver, Spring/summer 2013
 - Second test in Catania, refined design, 2014
 - Point to final design of Injector central region
- Injector Cyclotron: Unit #1
 - Deployment of IsoDAR experiment
 - Requires further simulations, engineering studies
 - Looking for collaboration with private industry
 - … producing world-class physics!
- Ring Cyclotron development
 - Need further simulations, engineering studies
 - Need prototyping of sector magnet
 - Studies of beam-loss mitigation (vacuum, injection, extraction)
- H₂⁺ ion source development
 - Achieving required current levels of H_2^+ (~40-50 mA CW)
 - Quenching of vibrational states (ORNL has capabilities that may disappear!)
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Bibliography of DAEδALUS publications:

http://www.nevis.columbia.edu/daedalus/docs/publications.html

